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ADVISORY ALERT: DLNR NEED TO CLOSE SECTIONS OF SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA TO CONTINUE IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER SYSTEM

HONOLULU — The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is reminding the public that improvements to the Sand Island State Recreation Area water system are in progress.

The location of the current work is in sections to narrow to allow traffic through safely. Sections of the park's roadways and parking lots will be under temporary closures to ensure public safety and expedite the project.

"Unless absolutely necessary, the park will remain open and measures will be taken to safely allow the park to be used. We appreciate the public's patience and understanding during the construction period. These long-awaited improvements are a key component of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's ongoing efforts to upgrade our aging state parks facilities and infrastructure statewide, and to ensure public health and safety for those who use the parks," said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson.

The location of current construction work cannot safely accommodate one lane of traffic; therefore the section of the park will be closed off to public access. To mitigate these impacts, temporary bypasses will be clearly designated in the area between Comfort Station Number 1 and 4, and traffic control measures will be implemented. These temporary measures will be required during the trenching of the roadway and DLNR will work with the contractor to expedite the work and ensure the safety of park users. Bypasses will be set up on Monday, May 11, 2009. Sand Island State Recreation Area will remain open DLNR will provide notice if the entire park needs to close for the paving repairs.

Public traffic will be allowed in the temporary bypass, but not in other secured areas for use by DLNR staff, utility companies and the contractor. During the weekdays, there may be construction activities in the park's parking lots but these areas will be cleared and safely

barricaded for weekend use.

The contractor is Henry's Equipment and Rental Company, and construction work is scheduled to be completed by November 2009.

Sand Island State Recreation Area is located at the end of Sand Island Access Road, off Nimitz Highway (Highway 92). Sand Island is a landscaped 14-acre coastal park with camping, picnicking, pleasure walking, shore fishing and board surfing. The park features a small sand beach and good view of downtown Honolulu across Honolulu Harbor and attractive sunsets. A boat launch ramp is nearby at Ke'ehi small boat harbor. Park amenities include restrooms, outdoor showers, camping area, picnic tables, trash cans, drinking water and pay phone. Sand Island is open daily during daylight hours.

For more information call the State Parks Honolulu office at (808) 587-0300.

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